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My LORD,

IN the Abſence of Mr. Dean, it devolves upon me of Courſe, as Subdean, to have the Honour of congratulating your Lordſhip, upon your Acceſſion to this See, and your Arrival in your Dioceſe, in the Name of the Dean and Chapter of *Durham*.

NO Employment, my Lord, could be more agreeable to me, were I not afraid of falling ſhort of what might be juſtly expected from me upon this great Occaſion: And tho' there are none of my Brethren, who would not better acquit themſelves of this Charge, than one ſo advanced in Years, and loaded with Infirmities, as I am, yet there can be none, who more truly rejoices at your Lordſhip's Preſence amongſt us. But I forget myſelf, and out of the Abundance of the Heart my own particular Satisfaction is too ready to break forth; whereas I ought to ſay nothing of myſelf, but only to ſpeak as the Repreſentative of our reverend Body.

IN their Name then, my Lord, I moſt humbly and heartily congratulate your Lordſhip once more; I congratulate the Dioceſe and County Palatine upon the happy Completion of all their Wiſhes. It is with great Pleaſure (I ſpeak it knowingly, my Lord,) that the Gentlemen of the Country ſee One, whoſe Politeneſs and Generoſity they have already had Experience of, at the Head of the Palatinate; it is with the utmoſt

utmoſt Joy, that the Clergy of the Dioceſe find your Lordſhip become their Biſhop, whoſe known Learning and Piety make them ſure of all that they can wiſh for from you; but, in a particular Manner, the Dean and Chapter have Reaſon to rejoice; moſt of whom have long had the Honour of knowing your Lordſhip perſonally; and nothing elſe can be wanting to aſſure them of every good Quality, that can be deſired in a Dioceſan. Your Lordſhip's great Erudition and Abilities (Talents which you have not laid up in a Napkin) have already ſo eminently diſtinguiſhed you, upon many Occaſions, that the Church in general will always be ſecure of an able and vigorous Champion in your Lordſhip, whenever her Faith or Doctrines, her Rights and Privileges, ſhall be attacked or broken in upon.

YOUR learned Predeceſſor, my Lord, like a true Servant of Chriſt, boldly enter'd the Liſts with his Maſter's profeſſed Enemies, and triumph'd over them gloriouſly; and has, we truſt, received the Reward of his Labours, from the Captain of his Salvation, in that tranſporting Compellation, "Well fought thou good and valiant

liant Soldier!" And tho' we are deprived of ſo great a Leader and gallant a Defender of the Faith, yet, God be praiſed,

non deficit alter.

As your Lordſhip is now veſted with the ſame Honours and Dignities, we doubt not but that, whenever there ſhall be a Cry of the Philiſtines being upon us, you will look upon this as a freſh Obligation again to ariſe and exert yourſelf in the Defence of our moſt holy Religion.

LONG may this Church and County be happy under your Lordſhip's Government and Protection! And may you enjoy theſe high Honours and Dignities at leaſt as long as my ever honoured Lord and Patron, my Lord *CREWE*, did! And as your Lordſhip's mild and candid Temper, your gracious Manner, your Gentleman-like Behaviour, your kind and courteous Reception of Perſons of all Ranks and Denominations, and your boundleſs Charities, (of which your Dioceſe has already received ſuch unexpected and bountiful Earneſts) recal that noble Prelate to the Minds of all thoſe who knew him; ſo your Dean and Chapter cannot

not frame to themſelves better Wiſhes for your Lordſhip, than that you may, like him, be loved and reverenced to an extreme old Age; that you may live in the ſame perfect and uninterrupted Courſe of Health and Proſperity; and that, whenever it ſhall pleaſe God to exalt your Lordſhip to a higher Throne, your Loſs may be as much regretted, that you may leave an Odour of as ſweet a Name, and as little worldly Treaſure behind you!

His LORDSHIP'S *Anſwer.*

I AM much obliged to you, Gentlemen, for your Congratulations. 'Tis with a very real Senſe of my little Merits and Abilities, that I come to preſide over a Church of ſuch Diſtinction as this of *Durham*; and the more, from the great Learning and Abilities of my Predeceſſors. But I ſhall endeavour, by acting ſuitably to our Profeſſion, and my Station, to anſwer what, I am ſure, was His Majeſty's Intention in placing me here. And from my Knowledge and particular Acquaintance among you,

you, I promiſe myſelf, that I ſhall have your Advice and Aſſiſtance upon all Occaſions, as the Exigence of Caſes may require.

As for your kind Manner of expreſſing yourſelves concerning my Character and Behaviour, This I ſhall make uſe of, to remind myſelf of my Duty: And you muſt give me Leave to conſider it too as a Declaration, (of what however I had no doubt) that I ſhall have your Concurrence and your Aſſiſtance in any good Deſign, which may offer for the Benefit of the Dioceſe or Country.

FINIS.